APENDIX

Changes to Specification:

Page 8, lines 7-9

The communication systems and methods associated with this invention are further described in copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/718,493~~(Attorney Docket No. 106815)~~, filed herewith and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Page 9, lines 13-25

In operation, data pertaining to the remote device 200, such as metrics and status data, is collected by the controller 210 from one or more of the memory 220, the one or more sensors 250, and/or any other data sources providing the types of data described above and derived from the operational characteristics of the remote device 200. The data is processed by the controller 210 into a format recognizable by the preliminary analysis circuit or routine 270 and forwarded to the preliminary analysis circuit or routine 270. For example, the controller 210 may process the collected data by discretely sampling the analog data received from the one or more sensors 250 into qualitative values or by digitizing such analog data using the analog-to-digital converter 260. Alternatively, the controller 210 may process the collected data by translating device signals into discrete event sequences, as described in U.S. ~~Provisional~~ Application No. ~~60/154,016~~09/522,082, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, that can be recognized by the preliminary analysis circuit or routine 270.